Women officers in the army

†1693. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that percentage of women officers in the army is 2.56, if so, the measures being taken to enhance this percentage;

(b) whether any arrangement has been made to impart training to the women being recruited in the Armed Forces; and

(c) the posts for which women are presently being recruited in the Armed Forces?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The percentage of women officers in the Army is 2.65. However, the percentage of women officers in the Army Medical Corps and Army Dental Corps is approximately 14 whereas in the Military Nursing Service it is 100.

Women officers are being inducted into selected Arms/Services according to the number of appointment/posts identified by various Arms/ Services. Employability being a dynamic process, addition/deletion of posts tenable by women officers is an ongoing process based on experience gained/development of logistic infrastructure.

(b) Women officers are imparted training at par with their male counterparts in the three Sevices.

(c) In Medical, Nursing and Dental Services, women officers are inducted in both Permanent Commission (PC) and Short Service Commission (SSC).

In Army, women officers in SSC are inducted in the Army Air Defence, Corps of Signals, Corps of Engineers, Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps, Intelligence Corps, Army Education Corps, Judge, Advocate General's Department, in the Air Force in the Flying (Transport and Helicopter), Technical, Administration, Logistics, Accounts, Education and Meteorology Branches and in the Navy in Logistics, Education, Law, Air Traffic Controller Cadres.

Registration of Indian agents for defence deals

†1694. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to appoint or register Indian agents for defence deals;

(b) if so, the number of agents appointed/registered so far, and

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(c) the details regarding the defence deals for which the proposal for appointing/registering the agents is under consideration of Government?

THE MINISTER OF OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) On the basis of Ministry of Finance's instructions issued on 31st January, 1989 relating to Indian Agents of foreign suppliers for all the Ministries/Departments under the Government of India, supplementary instructions were issued by the Ministry of Defence in April, 1989 and in November, 2001 to regulate authorized Indian representatives/agents of foreign suppliers. The instructions provide for the regulation of representational arrangements through a system of registration, categorical and open declaration by the foeign suppliers of the services to be rendered by their authorized representatives/agents and the remuneration payable to them by way of fees, commission or any other method. So far no authorized Indian Representative/Agent has been registered by the Ministry of Defence in terms of these instructions.Defence Procurement Procedures provide for direct dealing with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) or Authorised Vendors or Government Sponsored Export Agencies (applicable in case of countries where domestic laws do not permit direct export by OEMs).

Vacant posts in Sainik Boards

†1695. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts are lying vacant in State and District Sainik Boards;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to fill these posts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when these posts are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) and (b) A number of posts are lying vacant in State and District Sainik Boards. The State-wise details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) These Boards are under the administrative control of various State Governments/Union Territory Administration. The Government has requested State Governments to fill up the vacant posts in these Boards expeditiously and their response has been positive.

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